

Appl. No. 10/068,320
Atty Docket: CG-949
Inventor: Culcy

REMARKS

Reconsideration of above referenced application is respectfully requested. After entry of the enclosed amendment, claims 1, 5-8, 13- 22 and 24 remain in the pending application. Please cancel claim 23.

On December 2, 2003, the Examiner and Applicant's attorney had a telephone conversation concerning potential claim amendments provided to the Examiner on November 14, 2003. Following that conversation, Applicant's attorney believes that the Examiner's position with respect to claims 8, 21, and 24 is that the claim amendments overcome the Csaszar reference and are therefore in condition for allowance. Applicant's attorney further believes that the Examiner's position with respect to Claim 13 is that claim 13 would be allowable over Csaszar if the limitations directed to the finish bead better defined the two diameters. Such amendments are made herein. Finally Applicant's attorney believes that the Examiner's position with respect to claim 1, as provided to the Examiner on November 14, 2003 is not allowable over Csaszar. Further amendments to claim 1 are provided herewith.

CONCLUSION

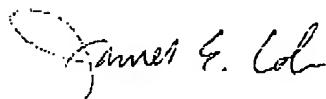
Applicants believe that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner allow the pending claims. However, if the Examiner believes there are other unresolved issues in this case, Applicants' attorney of record would appreciate a call at (502) 584-1135 to discuss such remaining issues.

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